



LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO



Franklin County
Board of Commissioners

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& PLANNING**



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Meeting Objectives



- Approve 1/11/18 Meeting Minutes *
- Annual Report presentation
- Discuss Food System updates

** Item requiring vote*

Check-In Question



How does civic agriculture (e.g. community gardens, urban farms, etc.) intersect with your work?

Administrative Tasks



- January 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Additions, Corrections, Approval
- Future Board Appointment - Update
 - Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Rubén Castilla Herrera (1958-2019)
 - Member of LFAP Working Committee
 - Dedicated community activist

Local Food Board Member Presentation



Randy Sokol

Sokol and Associates

Ohio Restaurant Association Representative

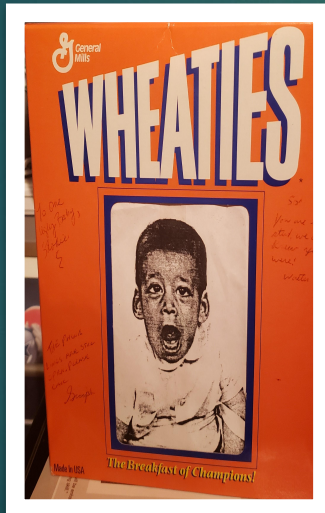


Local Food Board

RANDY SOKOL

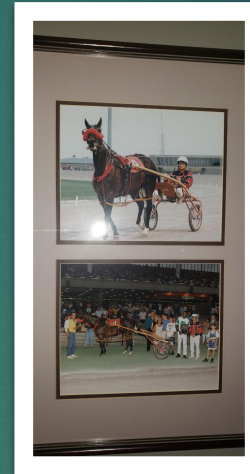
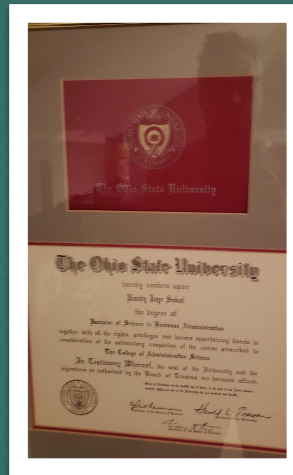
Growing Up

- ▶ Bexley
- ▶ Tee Jaye's
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Sisters



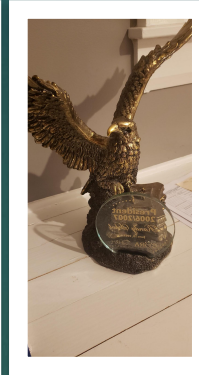
College & Beyond

- ▶ The Ohio State University:
Restaurant
Management
- ▶ Tee Jaye's
- ▶ Fundraising



Industry Leadership

- ▶ Grassroots
- ▶ Central Ohio Restaurant Association
- ▶ Ohio Restaurant Association
- ▶ National Restaurant Association
- ▶ Political Action Committee



Government Involvement

National

- National Restaurant Association Public Affairs Conferences
- Election Advisory Committee: *Tiberi for Congress*
- NFIB representative to President Bush White House: *Small Business Leaders*
- Co-Chair: National Restaurant Association Ohio's SAFE Fund Golf Outing
- Phone calls to Senators and Congressman relating to small business issues

State

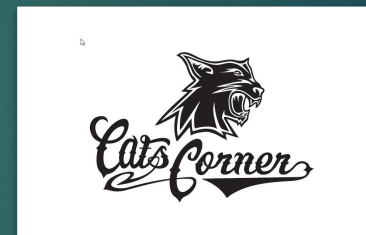
- Steering Committee: *Ohio Hospitality Coalition* (the legislative arm for ORA)
- Chairman: *Ohio Hospitality Coalition*
- MC: *Legislative Day Event* while hosting Congressman Pat Tiberi
- Developed OHC PAC fundraisers throughout Ohio
- Developed grassroots "Adopt a Candidate" program for elections
- Developed state-wide PAC for ORA locally
- Appointed by Taft & Voinovich to serve on *Governors Food Service*
- *Advisory Committee* to adopt new food code standards for Ohio
- Advisory Board: *Ohio State University Food Management*

Local

- President: *Children's Hospital Development Board*
- Board Member: *Children's Hospital Development Board*
- Chairman: *Children's Hospital Woody Hayes Golf Outing*
- Chairman: *NFIB Columbus Action Committee*
- Board Member: *NFIB*
- Merchant of the Year: *Parson Avenue*
- Coach: *Special Olympics Track & Basketball*
- Founder: *Jewish Business Forum*
- Chairman: *Columbus Jewish Federation Annual Dinner*
- Member: *Columbus Jewish Foundation*
- Board Member: *Ohio State University Hillel*
- Board Member: *Retail Food Safety Advisory*
- Committee member: *JDRF Auction*
- Founding member of board: *Food & Wine Affair & Chair of Auction*
- Board Chair: *Central Ohio Restaurant Association PAC*

Business Life

- ▶ Tee Jaye's
- ▶ Sokol & Associates
- ▶ Sokol Realty
- ▶ Cat's Corner, Athens Ohio
- ▶ Waxxpot, Denver



Family Life

- ▶ Dog Dad
- ▶ Marriage
- ▶ Now 2 Boys!



Annual Report



- Overview
- Public Hearing
- Strategic Funding Updates

Strategic Funding Updates



- Sustainable Columbus
 - Civic Agriculture
 - Food Waste
 - Farmers Markets
- Sharing the Annual Report with Funders
- 2019 Recommendations for City Council
 - Farmers Market Access Coordinator Funding
 - Other

B-3 Project Team Updates



- Farmers market manager training
- Local Food Guide under construction
- Rapid Market Assessments
- Farmers Market Access Coordinator Funding

B-5 Project Team Updates



- Kick off March 27, 2019
- Subgroups
 - Education and Funding Group
 - Regulation & Land Access Group
- OSU Extension Soil Testing
 - 97 soil test kits distributed

C-9 Project Team Updates



- Organization of Business Portal
 - Project Team developed overall structure, organization, and hierarchy
- Current Work
 - Harvesting content from other open-source portals
 - Finalizing Scope of Work to hire web developer
- Next Steps
 - Finalize C-9 Implementation Recommendations
 - Filling content gaps on the business portal

C-9 Project Team - Draft Next Steps



- Support marketplace connections for buyers and sellers of local food products
- Revise and/or clarify City and County building and zoning regulations and permits to support food system uses
- Develop and expand middle supply chain infrastructure to support the local food system

Updates



Franklin County Local Food Council



Next Steps and Closing



- Next Meeting - Friday, July 12, 2019
 - 9:30am-11:30am
 - Location - OSU Extension (530 W. Spring St #275, 43215)
- Proposed 2020 Board Meeting Schedule
- Follow up calls beginning late April



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